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Page 2: COVID-19 Response and Recovery

Q8  
What steps do you think our state and/or counties should take to aid this recovery? Some examples could include how you think federal funds should be spent, diversifying the state’s economy, etc.

First and foremost the state should issue guidelines to businesses and let the businesses and customers decide when it is safe to open. Secondly, open up the visitor market by testing all visitors. Either use the fed money or TAT for this. Thirdly, fully support people on the front lines - fire, police, medical, health care, elderly facilities and education to ensure Covid does not spread. And finally implement an effective contract tracing program.

Q9  
Please share some of the efforts you have led or participated in response to COVID-19.

I have offered to pick up food and other items for people in my neighborhood.

Q10  
Additional thoughts/comments:

Hindsight is 20-20. Instead of lambasting polities, make constructive changes based on actual facts, not opinions - even if the opinions are from experts. You'll never get everyone to agree.

Page 3: Tobacco and E-Cigarette Regulations

Q11  
What policies do you think the state and/or counties should enact to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use?

Tobacco use among adults is a choice. The government should stop trying to protect people from themselves. However steps to reduce use by children under age 18 should be taken, and are being taken. Try as it might, government will never make a good parent. The family environment is key to reducing harmful activities - which take many forms besides tobacco related products.
Q12

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

- Apply a tobacco tax to e-cigarettes, such as a percentage of the wholesale cost or taxing e-liquid by volume.  
  **Oppose**

- Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids.  
  **Strongly Oppose**

- Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors.  
  **Support**

- Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting.  
  **Strongly Oppose**

- Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.  
  **Strongly Support**

Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

Good luck!

Page 4: Healthy Eating + Active Living

Q14

What steps do you think the state and/or counties should take to ensure food security for all of Hawaii’s people, and to significantly increase food self-sufficiency for our state?

All produce sold locally should be identified as to point of origin and GMO. Proper labeling would allow an informed consumer to make the choice that best suits their individual mindset. We presently import over 80% of our food. We could grow over 80% of our food if the government simply got out of the way. Agriculture is strangled by overvaluation, restrictions and taxes. It’s time to release the stranglehold. The Big Island could become the breadbasket of Hawaii (and the alternate energy provider for the state, too).

Q15

In 2019, Hawai‘i made a commitment to adopt Vision Zero, an initiative to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. What policies and infrastructure changes should the state and/or counties make to achieve this goal?

We need safe avenues for alternate transportation - walking and bicycling. Our roads are simply not friendly to these activities, as indicated by recurring bicycle and pedestrian deaths. The bus system should be more effective and fossil fuel free. Dangerous intersections and stretches of road where deaths have occurred should be monitored 24-7 by cameras and tickets or warnings issued to offenders.
Q16
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

We must significantly increase public investment in food systems workforce development, including programs such as farm to school, agriculture and food systems education (PreK-12 and higher education), and farmer training programs.  

The state should continue to invest in a Double Up Food Bucks program, which doubles the value of SNAP benefits when buying fresh, locally grown produce at participating retailers.

Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages.

Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs.

Make health and physical education (PE) courses a curriculum requirement, rather than an option, for middle school students. PE is currently a requirement for elementary and high school students.

Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries.

Q17
Additional thoughts/comments:

My youth is so far in the rear-view mirror that it is hard to see, but I remember eating butter, whole milk, meat, real sugar and other things promoted as bad today. I didn't eat fast food and prepared meals (high salt and other ingredients), diet soda or other items promoted as beneficial today. So did my friends. We were not fat. We were healthy. Why? Because we went outside to play after school and on weekends. Our society has become sedentary and lazy. Wake up - smell the roses!

Q18
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Reinstate coverage of preventative dental benefits for Adult Medicaid participants.  

Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay.

Q19
Additional thoughts/comments:

Tend to disagree with your boilerplate. Improving oral health in Hawaii is not really a social justice issue. It is a family issue. Parental involvement is key.
Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase in alcohol taxes.                       **Strongly Oppose**
Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants. **Oppose**
Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people’s homes. **Oppose**
Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery. **Strongly Support**

Q21
Additional thoughts/comments:

Hate to keep beating the horse, but this is a parental issue. The idea that if we just tax something enough it will change the public's actions is incorrect at best. The next step up the ladder would be prohibition - and we all know where that got us. Government should not be in the business of trying to protect people for their own good. Certainly address drunk driving. Get the drunks off the road. But if the only person someone is hurting is themselves, lighten up and make rehab programs easier to access and more effective.

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai‘i?  **Strongly Support**
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health? **Oppose**
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? **Oppose**
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated? **Oppose**
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? **Oppose**
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated? **Support**
Q23
Additional thoughts/comments:
By some reports the number one cash crop in Hawaii is cannabis. The government is loosing out on taxes. Sure there should be some regulation. People should know what they are buying. Contaminants like Paraquat could be highly detrimental. Instead of focusing on interdicting illegal drugs and ruining the life of the casual consumer, government should focus on helping the addicted. The legalization of heroin in Scandinavian countries proved that contrary to predictions the consumption did not increase. In fact it decreased, deaths decreased and more people were able to successfully break the habit. The government's head is in the wrong place. - you guess where it is.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24
What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai‘i more affordable for its residents?
Reduce regulation. Eliminate taxes on food and medicine. Modify the Jones Act restrictions on shipping which drives up the prices of everything.

Q25
What is the role of government in addressing housing affordability issues and what would you do to encourage the production of more affordable homes for Hawai‘i residents?
Present requirements to have a certain percentages of houses in new developments "affordable" is a good idea and should be continued. However, as per usual, governmental regulations, restrictions and taxes drive up the cost of housing. An owner-occupant should not have to comply with a building code, except for neighboring safety issues. Land should be zoned correctly. Farmers should be able to construct houses on their agricultural land.

Q26
Please indicate your position on the following policies:
Increase the state's minimum wage in a series of annual steps to a living wage of $17 per hour.  Strongly Oppose
Create a statewide Paid Family Leave Program, which would allow up to 12 weeks for employees to provide care for a newborn, bond with a new child, or care for a family member with a serious health condition.  Oppose

Q27
Additional thoughts/comments:
Increasing the minimum wage is often touted as helping the poor. It serves to do exactly the opposite. It drives up the cost of goods and the price of owning a business - which effectively decreases employment opportunities. A wage is an agreement between the worker and the business as to how much their labor is worth. If the wage is too low, the worker should seek other employment. To be competitive, businesses have to offer a competitive wage. Let basic capitalistic economic principles drive the ship instead of the heavy had of government (who can't seem to run anything for a profit).